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**A Method For Optimizing
The Utilization Of
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Systems In Which
Information Is Transmitted
In Data Packets**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action of October 28, 2002, and the Final Rejection of July 9, 2002, please enter this Preliminary Amendment to the Continuation Application attached hereto which is being filed herewith under the rules for Requested Continued Examination (RCE).